

Testimony in Support of HB 3824A – The PT Modernization Act

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To the Oregon Senate Committee on Health Care,

My name is Bryan Lang, and I am a Doctor of Physical Therapy practicing at Whole Body Health PT in Oregon. I am writing to express my unequivocal support for HB 3824A, the PT Modernization Act.

Our current practice act is nearly two decades out of date, and it fails to reflect the advanced education, clinical responsibilities, and real-world demands placed on today's physical therapists. As a licensed provider with doctoral training, I regularly encounter systemic inefficiencies and barriers that compromise the timeliness and effectiveness of patient care—barriers that this legislation would help dismantle.

HB 3824A would align Oregon's scope of practice with what is already standard in the vast majority of other states. Specifically, granting physical therapists the ability to order imaging, prescribe durable medical equipment, administer vaccines, certify disability placards, and perform dry needling would not only expand access to essential services but would also reduce the burden on overtaxed primary care providers.

In my practice, I frequently see patients who must delay care while awaiting referrals for basic imaging or assistive devices—delays that increase pain, prolong disability, and drive up the total cost of care. These are avoidable harms. With the enactment of HB 3824A, physical therapists like myself would be empowered to act more swiftly and comprehensively on behalf of our patients.

Moreover, permitting the use of the DPT designation and affirming the legality of dry needling are overdue acknowledgments of the standards upheld by accredited training programs and licensure requirements. This is not about expanding beyond our training—it is about fully utilizing it.

I urge you to vote in favor of HB 3824A. Let's bring Oregon up to speed with national best practices and put patients at the center of more efficient, integrated care.

Sincerely,

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